

In the case of the verification system for closed CW production facilities, it was concluded that the provision in the rolling text for the continuous presence of inspectors was too extreme and probably unnecessary if critical equipment items have been removed and seals applied. A number of annual visits on short notice was suggested to be more cost-effective. In addition, remote monitoring via telephone lines could be applied.

Concerning the safety of inspectors, it was argued that the individual requirements would vary considerably due to the specifics of facilities. As experience has shown, certain parts of infrastructure, such as ventilation systems, must be maintained in operable condition. It was stressed that some general guidelines on safety requirements were needed.

VII - INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

International cooperation was considered by all participants to be of particular importance. A number of participants expressed the willingness of their countries to share with other countries the expertise and experience they have gained.

It was noted that some countries have already cooperated closely and successfully in the past. This cooperation was offered to be extended to other countries and could include the exchange of technological know-how and experience, the provision of blueprints and special technical advice, invitations to visit existing installations and assistance in the overall planning of CW destruction activities. In addition, some countries offered to provide equipment ranging from complete facilities to system components, such as special safety equipment, machinery, robots and the like. Furthermore, training of personnel was thought to be an important area of useful cooperation.

It is also interesting to notice that there was in the past a bilateral cooperation between Indonesia and The Netherlands in the destruction of chemical weapons stocks (see CD/270 -21 March 1982).

VIII - FOLLOW-UP OF THE SEMINAR

The possibilities of a follow-up of the seminar are twofold :

1) There was at the end of the meeting, a general feeling that it might be useful if another meeting could be organized. Several topics were mentioned, for instance :

- the need for another look at the technical problems of old and obsolete stocks
- assessment of new and emerging technologies of destruction